

### **REMARKS**

In accordance with prior discussions with the Examiner, Applicants have now submitted claims that correspond to the claims canceled by the Examiner as being non-elected without traverse.

Thus, new claims 25-27 have been presented as corresponding to prior claims 4-6, respectively. The Examiner is thanked for her prior indication by telephone that the presentation of such claims would be acceptable by the Examiner if such claims corresponded to the non-elected and canceled claims, and were presented to be dependent from the allowed claims. It is respectfully submitted to be clear that claims 25-27 properly correspond to the non-elected claims, and have been presented so as to properly present their subject matter in a manner consistent with the scope of the independent claim allowed by the Examiner.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to recommend the entry of the amendment without withdrawing the application from issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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